

August 3 [John Dorsey & Co, to His Excy The Governor and the Council]

We are informed that you will want a Quantity of Cordage for the Gally, M^r Steward is to build for the State, and also for the Gally offered the State by the Merchants of Baltimore, if purchased by Government. The Cordage for the new Gally will probably amount to 12 or 1500[£] specie. We will engage to furnish the Quantity, at the current market price in Gold in Baltimore for such a Quantity & to take the new Emission in Payment as specie if the public will advance one third or one half the Purchase Money, to furnish Hemp the Cordage shall be delivered when requested.

[P. S.] The advance of $\frac{1}{2}$ will be more agreeable. If the Enemy should destroy our Rope Walk we will return the Money advanced upon Request.

[Rt F. Hooe, Alex^a, to Gov. Lee.]

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An express has this moment come in with a Letter from Gen^l Weeding to our County Lieut—the Copies of Weedens & Barrons Letters I enclose. By Gen^l Weedens Letter there seems little reason to doubt of the Enemy's fleet being on their way up the Bay. Whether up Potomack or to Balt^o or the head of Elk is uncertain—It is equally necessary to give you the earliest notice & therefore I have charged M^r Langdon to ride all night

August 2 [G. Weedon, B. G., Fredrick's, to The County L^t or Commanding
Red Book Officer Fairfax County]
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Inclosed have the Honor of transmitting you a Copy of Commodore Barons letter to the Marquis by which it appears to be his opinion that the fleet are coming up the Bay, you will judge from this Intelligence whether the Militia of your County shou'd not immediately be called out and arranged (you'll see the proprietty) therefore request you will immediately call out the Militia of your County without loss of time

P. S. Since writing the above certain Acco^{ts} have arrived of their standing up the Bay.

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[Jas. Baron, Commodore, Millusk near the old Fort to
Marquis de La Fayette]

I have the honor to inform you that this morning early 40 sail of the Fleet weighed from Hampton road having a number of Horse & Troops with twelve bay Barges full of men & stood down toward the Capes having got in the proper Channels endeavour'd to stand up the bay, But the wind & tide being a head have anchored near the Capes—from every movement I think they are bound up the Bay they have left ten sail in the road an two men of war this fleet must contain near three Thousand Troops as they were very full the